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MY NAME IS STEVEN NEALE VAN WINKLE,
AND I WENT TO WORK AT THE NEVADA TEST SITE,
FORMALLY KNOWN AS THE NEVADA PROVING GROUNDS,
IN LATE MAY 1966 AGE 20.

OVER A PERIOD OF 30 YR'S ENDING JUNE 1,
1996, I HAVE BEEN EVERY AREA ON THE N.T.S.,
AND N.R.D.S. I HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY
ONE OF THE OLD TIMER'S, THAT RAD SAFE
WAS UNDER STAFFED FOR DOSIMETER READING'S,
AND MOST OF THEM "DOSIMETER'S" WERE DISCARDED.
THEREBY GIVING 80% OF THE WORK FORCE A
~~0~~ READING,

I WAS INVOLVED ON A INVENTORY OF THE N.T.S.
AND N.R.D.S. TRANSFORMER'S IN PITS, TUNNELS,
SHAFT'S, POLE'S AND HOT AREAS "SCHOONER,
DANNY BOY, GAS BUGGY, ETC." OUR CREW CONSISTED
OF ME A TEAMSTER, JOYCE? RAD SAFE MONITOR,
AND A LINEMAN, SOME PLACES WE SUITED UP FULL,
AND SOME JUST BOOTIE'S, "BUT DOSIMETER ~~0~~"

I AND ANOTHER TEAMSTER HAD TO INVENTORY
N.R.D.S. WE REQUESTED A RAD SAFE MONITOR,
BUT WERE TOLD BY NEIL RADAMACHER RAD SAFES
DIVISION MANAGER, THAT THOSE AREAS WERE NOW
CLEAN, WHICH WROTE A LETTER ON A SPEEDY
MEMO. I HAD A COPY, MY SUPERVISOR HAD A COPY
AND MY UNION HAD COPY.

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WHILE WE WERE INVENTORYING TEST CELL "C", A RADSAFE MONITOR ASKED US WHY WE WEREN'T SUITED UP AND HAVE A MONITOR WITH US. I SHOWED THEM MY COPY OF THE MEMO, AND WAS TOLD THAT WAS BECAUSE THEY WERE SHORT HANDED. "THEY WANTED TO TAKE - OUR SHOES - HOT - BUT WASHED BOTTOMS."

ON DECEMBER 17, 1970 I WAS LIVING IN AREA 12, WHEN AT 7AM TOM BELL "TEAMO" AND I WERE SITTING IN HIS TRAILER HAVING BREAKFAST, WHEN WE HEARD A BIG BANG.

WE THOUGHT IT WAS A AUTO WRECK, DO TO ABOUT A FOOT OF SNOW ON THE GROUND, BUT WHEN WE CAME OUT TO SEE, WE SAW A MUSHROOM STARTING IN AREA 8, ABOUT 4-5 MILES SOUTH.

THE SIRENS THEN WENT OFF, THEY CLOSED ALL OUTGOING ROADS WITH W.S. I BARRICADES. I THEN WENT TO WHE L AND TURNED OFF ALL THE LIGHTS, COFFEE POTS, ETC. THE CLOUD HAD ALREADY CAME OVER AREA 12, AND DUSTED US.

WE THEN REPORTED TO THE CAFETERIA, WHICH WAS SO CROWDED THAT WE HAD TO STAND IN THE PARKING LOT UNTIL 10AM.

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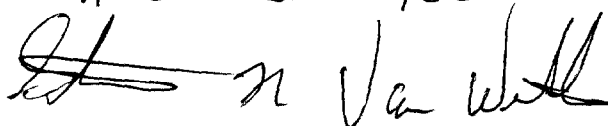
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AT 10 AM. THEY CARAVANED US ALL OUT IN CARS, TRUCKS, AND BUSES, OUT THRU AREA'S 17-16-1 THEN 6, WE WERE NEVER CHECKED FOR EXPOSURE OR DECOM'D. BUT THEY HAD TO BURY 17 CARS "PRIVATE" AND BUY NEW ONES, AND GAVE US VOUCHERS TO BUY NEW PERSONAL ITEM'S THAT HAD TO BE BURIED.

IN EARLY JANUARY I AND OTHER'S "RAD SAFE, TEAMSTERS, W.S.I, LABORERS, AND SUPERVISORS" WENT BACK IN FOR CLEAN UP. WE HAD TO SUIT UP "FULL" TO DE-COM OXYGEN, ACETYLENE, ETC. BOTTLES WITH WATER. TRUCK DRIVERS AND OPERATORS HAD TO WATER AND GRADE, THEN DISPOSE OFF HOT SOIL. TEAMSTERS CLEANED WHE'S, CULINARY TRLS, KITCHENS, ETC. ALL IN FULL SUITS. "BUT RAD READING 0"

I HAVE ALSO INCLUDED THREE PAGE'S OF NAME'S OF REAL PEOPLE THAT I KNEW WHO HAVE DIED OF CANCER OR RADIATION.

STEVEN N. VAN WINKLE
REECO EMPLOYEE # 86940
BECHTEL EMPLOYEE # TD105

 Steven N. Van Winkle



MY SUSPECTED LACK OF REGARD OF SAFETY, EXPOSURE, HEALTH/DEATH CONCERN'S, by REECO, RAD SAFE, D.O.E AKA "A.E.C., E.R.d.A " AND CARELESSNESS.

1. RADIATION COUNTER'S WITH BAD BATTERIES
 2. LACK OF TRAINED/QUALIFIED MONITORS
 3. NOT ENOUGH MONITOR'S TO COVER THE JOB
 4. RAD SCIENCE AKA RAD SAFE DEPT. /DIVISION MGRS. TOLD US TEAMSTERS, LABORERS, ETC. THAT CERTIAN AREA'S "E. g. E-MAD TRAIN HOUSE" WERE NOT HOT IN LATE 1970'S " BUT IN 1996 IT WAS SO HOT WE COULD NOT BE ADMITTED.
 5. LACK OF RAD SAFE PERSONELL TO CHECK DOSIMETER'S, SO THAT ONLY 20 TO 30 % WERE CHECKED. ACCORDING TO MORE THAN ONE OLD TIMER KNEW OF THIS, INCLUDING SOME DECEASED MONITOR'S " OF CANCER "
 6. DUE TO LACK OF PERSONELL, OR " LACK OF REGARD? " HOT AREA'S HAD OLD OR DECAYING YELLOW ROPES THAT HAD FALLEN TO THE GROUND. THEREBY ALLOWING UNKNOWING PERSONELL TO ENTER THESE AREA'S
 7. DOSIMETER BADGES HAVE BEEN SET DOWN,
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ERROR'S, CARELESSNESS, LACK OF CONCERN?

9, 2 OF 2 SUSPECTED 'D.O.E AKA A.E.C., ER, JA' / RAD SAFE

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7. OR LAID DOWN ON HOT HOT MATERIAL
WHILE CLEANING UP CERTAIN AREAS. THE
MATERIAL HAD TO BE BURIED IN U10 C
CRATER ALONG WITH OTHER HOT MATERIAL.
"RESULT DOSIMETER'S READ 0"

8. IN THE 1960'S, 70'S, EARLY 80'S, LUMBER
COULD BE SOLD ON EXCESS SALES. "E.G.
BUILDING'S / DORMITORIES, ETC." BLDG 100
OLD BX - BARBERSHOP - BEAUTY SHOP, ETC.,
OLD DORMITORIES F THRU Z WERE SOLD,
AS OTHER WOODEN bldg's IN OTHER AREAS,
BUT IN EARLY 1980'S ALL OF A SUDDEN
WOOD COULD NOT BE SOLD, BUT COULD
BE DONATED TO OTHER STATE / FEDERAL
AGENCIES, OR BURIED.

9. LACK OF SAFETY CONCERN'S, ALSO
IF YOU CREATED SAFETY QUESTION'S OR
CONCERN'S, YOU WERE INTIMIDATED TO
STOP, OR WERE TRANSFERED TO ANOTHER
AREA. ALL BECAUSE OF A SCHEDULE.

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~~Steve N Van Winkle~~

2-24-2000

REECO EMPLOYEE # 86940 5/66 - 11-95

BECHTEL NEVADA EMPLOYEE # TD 105 2-96 - 6-96



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TEST SITE WORKERS DEAD FROM CANCER PG. 1 OF 3

IF KNOWN
TYPE OF CANCER

NAME	OCCUPATION	IF KNOWN TYPE OF CANCER
KENNY GORDON	TEAMSTER	
WILL MERCER	TEAMSTER	STOMACH
JACK COKER	TEAMSTER	
BILL BOGGS	COMPANY	
ALEX BARRY	COMPANY	LUNG
RAY AIKEN	COMPANY	LUNG
GAYLEN ALBRIGHT	COMPANY	LUNG
NANCY DONALD	COMPANY	WHOLE BODY
HELEN HOFFSTEAD	COMPANY	
ART GEBB	COMPANY	STOMACH
DON DARDEN	TEAMSTER	LUNG
PAUL MONAR	TEAMSTER	LUNG
MONTIE REESE	TEAMSTER	STOMACH
FORREST DEMILLE	TEAMSTER	STOMACH
BILL RIEBEL	COMPANY	
VALON RAY COOPER	TEAMSTER	LUNG
"SUICIDE" BOB WARREN "SUICIDE"	TEAMSTER	STOMACH
ORIN HIEDEMAN	TEAMSTER	
NORMAN T. SCOTT	COMPANY	
L.O. MILLER	TEAMSTER	
HENRY TURNER	COMPANY	STOMACH
DAVID HUDDLESTON	IRON WORKER	
"BIG BOB" COLORED MAN	W.S.I.	STOMACH
THOMAS WATKINS	RAD SAFE	LUNG
BILL BISHOP	COMPANY	
LAWRENCE MAYS	TEAMSTER	LUNG
JOHN CATALONI	TEAMSTER	STOMACH

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IF KNOWN

NAME	OCCUPATION	TYPE OF CANCER
WALT BEARDALL	COMPANY	LUNG
HOWARD McLEALAND	TEAMSTER	LEUKEMIA ?
HAROLD ROBALAR	TEAMSTER	
ERNIE MATHIS	TEAMSTER	BONE
"BUCK" BUCKINGHAM	TEAMSTER	LUNG
GAYLEN ADAIR	COMPANY/MINER	LUNG
WILLIE CARTER	TEAMSTER	STOMACH
RON FERGASON	TEAMSTER	
EARL WILLIAMS	COMPANY	STOMACH
CECIL? CECIL FIELD S	COMPANY	LUNG
ED BYRD ?	TEAMSTER	
HARLAN FANNIN ?	TEAMSTER	
STUCK IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD		
"JONESY" TRK. DR. 1966-?	TEAMSTER	LUNG
RICHARD GRAVES	TEAMSTER	COLON
JERRY DOTSON	TEAMSTER	
JACK FISHER	TEAMSTER	LUNG
TOM BELL	TEAMSTER	
OAKIE SPEARS	IRON WORKER	
BILL BEASLEY	SANDIA SUP.	
RONNIE GILBERT	TEAMSTER	

★ ★ EXPOSURES TO 80 % EMPLOYEES

- ① RADIATION ALPHA & GAMMA & BETA
- ② ASBESTOS AIR BORNE
- ③ LEAD B-B's. BAR'S, ETC.
- ④ CHEMICALS ALL TYPES
- ⑤ RADIATION DUST / PARTICALS



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IF KNOWN
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NAME	OCCUPATION	IF KNOWN TYPE OF CANCER
RAY LAPLANTE	COMPANY	
ROBERT TOOHIG	TEAMSTER	LUNG
"SUICIDE"? "TEX" CARPENTER	TEAMSTER	LUNG
FRANK BUTLER	TEAMSTER	LUNG
BOB HART	TEAMSTER	
VINCE CHASTAIN	TEAMSTER	LUNG
HOMER GARY	TEAMSTER	
RONALD J. MARTIN	TEAMSTER	THROAT
JOHN A. SHAW	TEAMSTER	COLON
JIM BONAFINI	TEAMSTER	BRAIN
BURT BARNHURST	TEAMSTER	
"SUICIDE" KENNY BAKER	TEAMSTER	STOMACH
"SUICIDE" VINCENT ROCCO	TEAMSTER	LUNG
ROLAND RASCO	TEAMSTER	TESTICULAR
JIM HERBER	TEAMSTER	STOMACH
TONY BERGER	TEAMSTER	STOMACH
ED SNELLGROVE	TEAMSTER	LUNG
LOU KUHLE	COMPANY	
SIXTY OR MORE <u>BANE</u> BERRY	VARIOUS	VARIOUS

TEST SITE WORKERS LIVING WITH CANCER/OR

JAMES P. MILLS	TEAMSTER	LUNG
LEE BAILEY	TEAMSTER	LUNG?
WALLY WISE "NRDS"	TEAMSTER	RADIATION POISONING
? * GEORGE HOOVER	DOE	THROAT
DEAD * L. VANDERHOOFEN	COMPANY	LUNG
DEAD? DON SCHINDLER	TEAMSTER	